

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) A dryer for an electrically heated smoking device, comprising:
 - a heater adapted to fit within a cigarette receiving portion of said electrically heated smoking device, said heater projecting from a base portion of said dryer, said base portion having an interface surface on which said electrically heated smoking device rests when said heater is positioned within said cigarette receiving portion of said electrically heated smoking device, and wherein said base portion includes at least one air passageway in communication between said cigarette receiving portion and surrounding ambient air when said electrically heated smoking device is resting on said interface surface, and
 - wherein said interface surface includes a key to position said electrically heated smoking device relative to said dryer.
4. (Original) The dryer according to claim 3, wherein said key comprises a plurality of pin connector holes adapted to receive electrical connector pins on said electrically heated smoking device.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A dryer for an electrically heated smoking device, comprising:

a heater adapted to fit within a cigarette receiving portion of said electrically heated smoking device, said heater projecting from a base portion of said dryer,

said base portion having an interface surface on which said electrically heated smoking device rests when said heater is positioned within said cigarette receiving portion of said electrically heated smoking device, and

wherein said interface surface comprises slots formed in said interface surface to provide air passageways communicating with said cigarette receiving portion and surrounding ambient air.

8. (Original) The dryer according to claim 7, wherein said slots extend from said heater along said interface surface radially outward to an outer periphery of said base portion of said dryer.

9. (Original) The dryer according to claim 8, wherein said slots extend along said outer periphery of said base portion in an axial direction from said interface surface.

10. -15. (Cancelled)